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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
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The Honorable Sam Graves
Ranking Member
Committee on Transportation and
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U.S. House of Representatives
1135 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting funding for Skokie Valley Trail Improvements in surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is the Cook County Department of Transportation and the project is located between the North Branch Trail at Voltz Road in Northbrook, Illinois, 60062 and Skokie Valley Trail at S. Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois, 60077.

The funding is designated for closing a 4.2 mile gap between these two intersections in the Skokie Valley Trail, one of the last remaining gaps in the trail.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and is anticipated to help complete the Skokie Valley Trail, providing an uninterrupted linear connection between Lake Bluff and Chicago and connecting to another 38 miles of existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The project includes construction of new pedestrian bridge over the Skokie River. Residents seeking non-motor vehicle transportation and recreational options will see clear benefits.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Jan Schakowsky
Member of Congress